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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR -- COSTA RICA

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATE-  
MENT FOR AMBASSADOR'S CLEARANCE. AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE,  
WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES, REQUESTED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.  
BEGIN TEXT:

I. UNDERLINED: MAINTAIN OUR EXTREMELY CLOSE AND CORDIAL  
WORKING RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA: END UNDERLINED.

1. MAKE CERTAIN THAT COSTA RICANS AT ALL LEVELS, BOTH IN  
AND OUT OF POLITICS, ARE AWARE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR  
COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUR  
ADMIRATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RECORD IN THIS AREA.

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2. FURTHER DEVELOP AND EXPAND OUR EDUCATIONAL AND  
CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN COSTA RICA TO INSURE THAT POTENTIAL  
COSTA RICAN LEADERS CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO UNITED  
STATES VALUES AND IDEAS.

3. INSURE THAT ALL GROUPS IN COSTA RICA ARE CONSCIOUS  
OF OUR IMPARTIALITY WITH REGARD TO THE ACTUAL RESULT OF THE

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS THERE.

II. BEGIN UNDERLINED: CONSULT WITH COSTA RICA ON MATTERS AFFECTING OUR TRADE POLICIES. END UNDERLINED

1. MAINTAIN A REGULAR CONSULTATIVE PATTERN WITH COSTA RICA TO EXPLAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR TRADE POLICIES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

2. PREVENT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE FUELING OF UNREASONABLE COSTA RICAN EXPECTATIONS OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE TREATMENT ON MATTERS WHICH ARE CLOSELY REGULATED BY U.S. LAW.

III. BEGIN UNDERLINED: MAINTAIN COSTA RICA'S OUTSTANDING RECORD AS A MODERATING INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. END UNDERLINED

1. CONTINUE OUR PATTERN OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH COSTA RICA ON INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; SEEK WAYS OF DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICA.

2. ENCOURAGE COSTA RICA TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE PART OF THIRD COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL AMERICA.  
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3. MAINTAIN OUR CONSULTATIVE PATTERN WITH COSTA RICA ON OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (LOS, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, NIEO) AND ENCOURAGE COSTA RICA'S ROLE AS A RESPECTED MODERATING INFLUENCE IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

IV. BEGIN UNDERLINED: MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT. END UNDERLINED.

1. MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN AND COSTA RICAN BUSINESSMEN TO INSURE UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. COMMERCIAL POLICIES, AND THE ROLE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN INVESTMENT DISPUTES.

2. ENCOURAGE COSTA RICAN EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT COSTA RICA DOES NOT BECOME A SAFE-HAVEN FOR FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE IN THE U.S., PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO WHITE-COLLAR CRIME. END TEXT VANCE

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